assistance amounting to Rs. 165.98 lakhs was not released to the town.

In so far as the urban water supply sector is concerned, this Ministry considers water supply schemes under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) of Government of India. Assistance is provided to the State Governments for providing water supply to the towns having population less than 20,000 as per 1991 Census, on 50:50 cost basis to be borne by Central and State Governments. Since population of Muzaffarpur town is more than 20,000 as per 1991 census it does not qualify for assistance under AUWSP. Moreover, no project proposal has been received from Government of Bihar for water supply and sanitation facilities in Muzaffarpur town during last 5 years either for seeking Life Insurance Corporation or external funding.

Pay scale of AEs in CPWD

1621. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pay scale of Assistant Engineers in CPWD is lower than the pay scale of similar cadre in Railway, Telecom., P&T, AIR etc.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that P&T (Telecom) and AIR were earlier served by CPWD;

(c) whether it is also a fact that P&T (Telecom) Civil Wing and AIR (Civil Wing) are followed CPWD's works specifications and Schedule of Work since beginning; and

(d) if so, the reasons for different scales of pay for the Assistant Engineers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir. At present Assistant Engineers in CPWD are placed in the pay scale of Rs. 6500-200-10500A-However, as per recommendations of the Fifth Pay

Commission, 50% of the Assistant Engineers were to be given pay scale of Rs. 6500-10500 and 50% in the pay scale of Rs. 7500-12000.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Civil Wing of P&T (Telecom) and AIR were earlier a part of CPWD.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The pay scales of Assistant Engineers working in CPWD is not comparable with those in other agencies like P&T (Telecom) and AIR where organizational structure, workload and fields of operation are totally different.

Garbage and filth in CPWD Colony, Vasant Vihar

1622. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that heaps of stinking garbage and filth are lying in front of Block No. 66 and 67 of CPWD Colony, Vasant Vihar, posing a serious health hazard to the residents;

(b) what action Government propose to take to get these removed and to ensure that the surrounding areas of the blocks are kept tidy and clean;

(c) whether Government would develop, the vacant space as **a** park; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) (a) The Directorate General of Works, CPWD have informed that no heaps of stinking garbage and filth are lying in front of Block No. 66 and 67 of CPWD Colony, Vasant Vihar.

(b) Though the removal of garbage is the responsibility of local municipal body in Vasant Vihar Colony the garbage is being removed